

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
BUSINESS AND COMMITTEES MEETING
May 27, 2025

The Upper Providence Township Council held the regularly scheduled monthly Business and Committees meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Upper Providence Township Building. Ms. Peterson, Chairperson called the business meeting to order at 7:00 PM. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Merritt, Vice Chairperson, Ms. Peterson, Chairperson, Mr. Reid and Dr. Rexing. Also in attendance, Mr. Lubber, Township Manager, Mr. Ewald, Township Solicitor, Ms. McCloskey, Administrative Liaison, Aditya Murthy, Junior Council.

No Present: Mr. Akarsoy and Ms. Tonsa, Junior Council.

There will be an executive session held immediately after this meeting regarding litigation.

Public Forum

The following residents from Kelly Lane were present to share their concerns about the acquisition of 106 Kelly Lane property.

- Tony Polselli
- Diane Martinelli
- Gabriel Deliberty
- Andrew Connell
- Vincent TUrnel
- Kathy Cancelosi
- Mark McKee
- Walter Weinrich
- Nick Devine
- Balwinder Singh
- Chris Baker
- Brian Hilger

Other residents:

- Anne Chambers, Orange Street
- Jeremy Drummond, Sycamore Mills Road

Residents had the following concerns and suggestions:

- Increased traffic – on a blind curve
- Want to see a site and use plan and/or specs
- Where will the entrance and parking be – prefer Rose Tree Road only
- Thefts and trespassing onto resident properties, will fencing be installed?
- If there is a gate – who would open and close
- Visitors leaving litter and vandalism

- We already have plenty of park spaces in the area

Things they do not want:

- A gate
- Lighting
- Signs on the street
- Structure/Gazebo/pavilion
- Bathrooms
- Privacy to be ruined
- Underage drinking
- Noise and disruption in the neighborhood
- Development creating SWM issues

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 563 – Single Use Plastics – First Reading

Ms. Merritt made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Rexing to approve the first reading of Ordinance 563 – an Ordinance regulating and prohibiting the use of single-use plastic bags, expanded polystyrene food service products and single-use plastic utensils by commercial establishments.

Discussion: Joshua Damaree from the Environmental Commission explained the desire for the Ordinance. There was a public meeting for all businesses and residents regarding the proposed Ordinance on May 15th. Most were relatively supportive, and concerns were addressed. One of the changes was to push back the enforcement date to January 1, 2026 to accommodate businesses to get the proper supplies. The Township will get signage out to all stores. This only applies to retail businesses for plastics provided at the time of the sale. Added language was added as our two dry cleaners have their textiles cleaned and bagged outside of the Township, and that is still permissible.

Ms. Merritt	Yes	Dr. Rexing	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes

Motion Passed 4-0

Ordinance 564 – Purchase of 106 Kelly Lane – First Reading

Ms. Merritt made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 564 - an ordinance of the Township of Upper Providence, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing appropriate Township Officials to take all action to accept the donation of and acquire the real property known as 106 Kelly Lane, 0 W. Rose Tree Road and 159 Rose Tree Road.

Ms. Peterson advised the property would be preserved in perpetuity as open space and described the size and conditions of the property. They are in the preliminary phases of this project. If it is acquired, staff will work with professionals for the best planning of this property. Council did receive the email concerns of residents and will address same. This property could be sold and developed and not be saved as open space. This vote on the Ordinance is so that we can advertise

that it is being considered for adoption. The Ordinance required for the acquisition of this property will be read at the June 10th Council meeting.

Ms. Merritt	Yes	Dr. Rexing	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes

Motion Passed 4-0

New Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Rexing adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:48 pm.

COMMITTEES MEETING

There were no Committees' discussions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Peterson made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion

was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Barry Lubert
Township Secretary

Marsha Peterson
Council Chairperson